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1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.
2. BEGIN SUMMARY: INFILTRATION INCIDENT OF MARCH 27 BEGAN WELL WITHIN DEMILITARIZED ZONE (DMZ) FAIRLY NEAR MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE (MDL) AND INCLUDED FOUR DISTINCT FIRING EVENTS. ONE ROK AND ONE NORTH KOREAN SOLDIER HAVE BEEN KILLED, AND NORTH KOREANS HAVE TRIED TO SEIZE PROPAGANDA INITIATIVE, CLAIMING THAT SERIES OF INCIDENTS THIS WEEK ARE SOUTH KOREAN FABRICATION - END SUMMARY.
3. FOLLOWING INITIAL CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREAN PATROL AT 1515 MARCH 27, ROK TROOPS IN FIFTEENTH DIVISION AREA CAME UNDER HOSTILE FIRE THREE MORE TIMES BEFORE SUNDOWN. ROK ARMY HAS RECOVERED ONE NORTH KOREAN BODY, AK-47 RIFLE AND A QUANTITY OF MATERIAL, SOME OF WHICH IS CUSTOMARILY ASSOCIATED WITH INFILTRATORS. ALTHOUGH DRESSED IN NORTH KOREAN ARMY FATIGUES, INFILTRATOR HAD A SET OF ROK

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ARMY SERGEANTS'S CHEVRONS IN HIS POCKET.
4. AFTER INITIAL EXCHANGE OF FIRE AT 1515, ROK TROOPS IN HOT PURSUIT OF TWO REMAINING NORTH KOREAN INFILTRATORS ENGAGED THEM IN A FIRE FIGHT FROM 1730 TO 1746 AT A POINT ABOUT ONE KILOMETER EAST NORTHEAST OF FIRST SIGHTING. NO CASUALTIES RFPORTED, AND ROK PATROL LOST CONTACT. AT 1745, ROK GUARD POST WITHIN DMZ ABOUT ONE KILOMETER EAST OF INCIDENT SITE RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF SUSPECTED AK-47 FIRE. ROK GUARD POST RETURNED FIRE WITH APPROXIMATELY 10 ROUNDS. AT 1815, ROK PLATOON ASSIGNED TO RECOVER NORTH KOREAN BODY AND EQUIPMENT CAME UNDER AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM NORTH KOREAN GUARD POST ACROSS MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE. NEVERTHELESS, BODY AND EQUIPMENT SUCCESSFULLY RECOVERED.
5. ONE OF ROK SOLDIERS WOUNDED AT 1515 DIED LATER IN AFTERNOON.

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6. AT 0100 LOCAL TIME MARCH 28 KCNA ON NORTH KOREAN RADIO ACCUSED ROK OF PROVOCATION IN DMZ BY FIRING "SEVERAL HUNDRED ROUNDS" AT A GUARDPOST. KCNA ADMONISHED US AND "SOUTH KOREAN PUPPETS" TO LOOK STRAIGHT AT REALITY. TIMING OF RELEASE IS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL, AND FOLLOWS CLOSE ON HEELS OF MARCH 27 NONDONG SHIMUN BLAST AT SOUTH KOREAN INCIDENT REPORTS, CALLING THEM ROK FABRICATED DRAMA.

7. AT 0209 MARCH 28, NORTH KOREAN JOINT DUTY OFFICER (JDO) AT PANMUNJOM PASSED A MESSAGE TO UNC JDO CLAIMING SOUTH KOREAN GUARD POST (850 M. SOUTHEAST OF DMZ MARKER 715) FIRED HUNDREDS OF ROUNDS AT NEARBY NORTH KOREAN GUARD

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POST. SITE IS WITHIN ONE KILOMETER OF INFILTRATION INTERCEPT. UNC SIDE ANSWERED PROTEST AT 1018 MARCH 28, STATING IT IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION OF A SERIES OF RECENT INCIDENTS, AND THAT PRELIMINARY INDICATION IS THAT NORTH KOREAN SIDE FIRED FIRST IN AFTERNOON OF MARCH 27.

8. IN RESPONSE TO SERIES OF INFILTRATION INCIDENTS AND OBSERVATION OF SOME ANOMALOUS MOVEMENTS ON NORTH KOREAN SIDE, UNC HAS GONE TO WATCH CONDITION TWO FOR KOREA (ON SCALE OF ONE TO THREE).

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